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January 13, 2016

Mr. John Rooney
Medici House
4015 Two Rod Road
East Aurora, New York 14052

Re: Erie County Sewer District No. 8 (ECSD No. 8)
Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) Program
Grease in Public Sewer: Medici House- 634 Main Street, East Aurora NY

Dear Mr. Rooney:

Please be advised that the Division of Sewerage Management (DSM) has recently found excessive grease in the sanitary sewer lines adjacent to your facility which has resulted in additional maintenance by the Sewer District. The Rules and Regulations for Erie County Sewer Districts strictly prohibits discharge of oil and grease which attaches to or builds up on the pipe walls of other sewerage structures.

Since 2011, the DSM has had numerous grease blockages in the sanitary line directly behind your facility. The DSM has televised this sewer line, most recently in December 2015, and confirmed that the grease is excessive at the lateral connection from Medici House. There was also excessive grease in the cleanout, located directly behind the kitchen, and on the pavement.

DSM representatives have routinely visited the establishment to urge adequate cleaning of the interior trap. At the time of the last visit on 10/26/2015, the most recent cleaning date listed in the logbook was 6/15/2015. Please note, insufficient maintenance of the trap not only compromises your facility's compliance status with the Rules and Regulations for the Erie County Sewer Districts, but also increases the risk for sewer back ups and Health Department violations.

An approved waiver application was issued to Medici House, formerly Tantalus, in October 2009. The application, waived the installation of the County standard, a minimum 750-gallon exterior separator, as long as the facility's interior trap is properly maintained and no grease related problems are found

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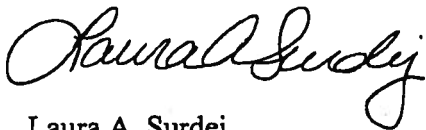
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traceable to the facility. The waiver of the oil and grease separator requirement will be rescinded, and the County standard enforced, if lack of adequate grease control continues. Failure to properly maintain your facility's separator is a violation that could also result in enforcement action if not corrected. You may also be subject to monetary penalties and/or an enforcement hearing.

Enclosed, please find a copy of the "Oil and Grease Guidelines for Erie County Sewer Districts" with information regarding installation of an oil and grease separator. Further information on the FOG Program including cleaning requirements, best management practices and a training video, can be found on the Erie County website: www.erie.gov/dsm/fog.

If you should have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at 823-5888, ext. 223.

Sincerely,



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Industrial Wastewater Specialist

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